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[1](#)1. (C) SUMMARY: On June 24, poloff reviewed developments in Iran policy with Dutch MFA officials Loek ten Hagen, Iran desk officer, Huib Mijnders, Senior Policy Officer in the Terrorism and New Threats Unit, and Ceta Noland, Senior Advisor for Nuclear Affairs and Nonproliferation. The Dutch continue to support a robust stance toward Iran at home, the EU, the IAEA, and the UN. The Dutch welcomed the June 20 briefing for the EU by NEA/IR acting director Dibble. END SUMMARY.

[1](#)2. (C) Netherlands: Noland stated that FM Verhagen had approved a new visa policy for Iranian students to prevent access to nuclear weapons technology -- the policy will be publicized within 10 days. The approved regulations include list of secured facilities off limits to masters-level students from Iran, plus an extensive list of prohibited areas of study for masters-level students from Iran. (Note: This policy goes beyond the earlier draft regulation that was reported in refTel B. End Note.)

[1](#)3. (C) EU / IAEA / UN: Mijnders stated that the Dutch want the EU needs to start the debate on full implementation of UNSC resolution 1803, and that the Dutch support a "robust" implementation. Noland indicated that on the IAEA, the Dutch are disappointed the Board of Governors did not respond to the latest IAEA report. The Dutch hope for a resolution at the next Board meeting in September. Regarding the UN, Mijnders said that the Dutch support a UNSC debate on Iran's response to the P5 1 package after the 30-day "deadline" proposed by Dibble during his June 20 briefing. More generally, Noland cited continuing efforts by Iran to access weapons technology as well as the long period of international effort to engage Iran. Mijnders suggested that 30 days should be the maximum time allowed for Iran to respond. Ten Hagen expected Iran to respond in a typical fashion with efforts to delay and divide the allied response. FM Verhagen would like to see a "swift and positive" response.
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